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**Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce a public meeting of the Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking (Council). The Council’s purpose is to provide expertise and support to the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking. You may attend the meeting in person, or you may participate via telephone. At this time, we are inviting submissions of questions and information for consideration during the meeting.

**DATES:** *Meeting:* The meeting will be held on Monday, August 24, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern Time.

*Registering to Attend the Meeting:* To attend the meeting in person, you must register by close of business on August 17, 2015. (You do not need to register to listen via phone.) Please submit your name, email address, and phone number to Ms. Christina Meister to complete the registration process (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Because there is limited seating available, registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public requesting reasonable accommodations, such as hearing interpreters, must contact Ms. Meister, in writing (preferably by email), no later than August 15, 2015.

*Submitting Questions or Information:* If you want to provide us with questions and information to be considered during the meeting, your material must be received or postmarked on or before August 14, 2015. Comments submitted electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES** section) must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on August 14, 2015.

*Making an Oral Presentation at the Meeting:* If you want to make an oral presentation at the meeting (in person or by phone), contact Ms. Meister no later than August 14, 2015 (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). For more information, see **Making an Oral Presentation** under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** *Meeting Location:* The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of the Interior, South Interior Building Auditorium, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20240.

*Meeting Call-In Numbers:* Members of the public unable to attend the meeting in person may call in at 800-369-3144 (toll free) or 1-312-470-7152 (toll) using the passcode 6368856#. Members may register to give an oral presentation over the phone as well. For more information, see **Making an Oral Presentation** under

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

*Submitting Questions or Information:* You may submit questions or information for consideration during the meeting by one of the following methods:

1. *Electronically:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal:

<http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter **FWS-HQ-IA-2014-0019**. Then click on the “Search” button. You may submit questions or information by clicking on “Comment Now!”

2. *By hard copy:* Submit by U.S. mail or hand-delivery to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: **FWS-HQ-IA-2015-0019**; Division of Policy, Performance, and Management Programs; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: ABHC; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

We will not accept email or faxes. We request that you send comments only by the methods described above. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see the **Submitting Public Comments** section below for more information).

*Reviewing Comments Received by the Service:* See **Reviewing Public Comments**

in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christina Meister, International Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, by email at [acwtmeeting@fws.gov](mailto:acwtmeeting@fws.gov) (preferable method of contact); by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: IA; Falls Church, VA 22041–3803; by telephone at (703) 358-2284; or by fax at (703) 358-2276.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), we announce that the Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking (Council) will hold a meeting to discuss the implementation of the National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking, and other Council business as appropriate. The Council’s purpose is to provide expertise and support to the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking.

You may attend the meeting in person, or you may participate via telephone. At this time, we are inviting submissions of questions and information for consideration during the meeting.

## **Background**

Executive Order 13648 established the Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking on August 30, 2013, to advise the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking, through the Secretary of the Interior, on national strategies to combat wildlife trafficking, including, but not limited to:

1. Effective support for anti-poaching activities;
2. Coordinating regional law enforcement efforts;
3. Developing and supporting effective legal enforcement mechanisms; and
4. Developing strategies to reduce illicit trade and consumer demand for illegally traded wildlife, including protected species.

The eight-member Council, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, includes former senior leadership within the U.S. Government, as well as chief executive officers and board members from conservation organizations and the private sector. For more information on the Council and its members, visit <http://www.fws.gov/international/advisory-council-wildlife-trafficking/>.

### **Meeting Agenda**

The Council will consider:

1. National Strategy updates and Task Force discussions,
2. Administrative topics, and
3. Public comment and response.

The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/international/advisory-council-wildlife-trafficking/>, as well as at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

### **Making an Oral Presentation**

Members of the public who want to make an oral presentation in person or by telephone at the meeting will be prompted during the public comment section of the

meeting to provide their presentation and/or questions. If you want to make an oral presentation in person or by phone, contact Ms. Christina Meister (**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than the date given in the **DATES** section for *Making an Oral Presentation at the Meeting*.

Registered speakers who want to expand on their oral statements, or those who wanted to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, are invited to submit written statements to the Council after the meeting. Such written statements must be received by Ms. Meister, in writing (preferably via email), no later than August 31, 2015.

### **Submitting Public Comments**

You may submit your questions and information by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES**. We request that you send comments by only one of the methods described in **ADDRESSES**.

If you submit information via the Federal eRulemaking Portal (<http://www.regulations.gov>), your entire submission—including any personal identifying information—will be posted on the Web site.

If your submission is made via a hardcopy that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will post all hardcopy submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

### **Reviewing Public Comments**

Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Alternatively, you may view them by appointment during

normal business hours at 5275 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA 22041-3803. Please contact Ms. Meister (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

### **Obtaining Meeting Minutes**

Summary minutes of the meeting will be available on the Council website at <http://www.fws.gov/international/advisory-council-wildlife-trafficking/>, as well as at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Alternatively, you may view them by appointment during normal business hours at 5275 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA 22041-3803. Please contact Ms. Meister (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

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